

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment to allow members of the Armed Forces who are residents of Texas to vote."

Sec. 4. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 5. If the foregoing amendment is adopted, the proclamation of the Governor declaring the adoption of the amendment shall set forth the full text of the amended Section, as amended herein and by any other proposed amendment which is submitted by the 59th Legislature and which has been duly adopted prior to such proclamation.

Adopted by the House on March 2, 1965: Yeas 143, Nays 2; passed by the Senate on May 20, 1965: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor June 2, 1965.

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## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— HOSPITAL DISTRICTS—DISSOLUTION

H. J. R. No. 48

Proposing an Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing the method and manner for dissolution of hospital districts created under Article IX of the Constitution.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 9, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to read as follows:

"Section 9. The Legislature may by law provide for the creation, establishment, maintenance and operation of hospital districts composed of one or more counties or all or any part of one or more counties with power to issue bonds for the purchase, construction, acquisition, repair or renovation of buildings and improvements and equipping same, for hospital purposes; providing for the transfer to the hospital district of the title to any land, buildings, improvements and equipment located wholly within the district which may be jointly or separately owned by any city, town or county, providing that any district so created shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for its needy inhabitants and assume the outstanding indebtedness incurred by cities, towns and counties for hospital purposes prior to the creation of the district, if same are located wholly within its boundaries, and a pro rata portion of such indebtedness based upon the then last approved tax assessment rolls of the included cities, towns and counties if less than all the territory thereof is included within the district boundaries; providing that after its creation no other municipality or political subdivision shall have the power to levy taxes or issue bonds or other obligations for hospital purposes or for providing medical care within the boundaries of the district; providing for the levy of annual taxes at a rate not to exceed seventy-five cents (75¢) on the One Hundred Dollar valuation of all taxable property within such district for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the district's bonds, the indebtedness assumed by it and its maintenance and operating expenses, providing that such district shall not be created or such tax authorized unless approved by a ma-

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majority of the qualified property taxpaying electors thereof voting at an election called for the purpose; and providing further that the support and maintenance of the district's hospital system shall never become a charge against or obligation of the State of Texas nor shall any direct appropriation be made by the Legislature for the construction, maintenance or improvement of any of the facilities of such district.

Provided, however, that no district shall be created except by act of the Legislature and then only after thirty (30) days' public notice to the district affected, and in no event may the Legislature provide for a district to be created without the affirmative vote of a majority of the taxpaying voters in the district concerned.

The Legislature may also provide for the dissolution of hospital districts provided that a process is afforded by statute for:

(1) determining the desire of a majority of the qualified voters within the district to dissolve it;

(2) disposing of or transferring the assets, if any, of the district; and

(3) satisfying the debts and bond obligations, if any, of the district, in such manner as to protect the interests of the citizens within the district, including their collective property rights in the assets and property of the district, provided, however, that any grant from federal funds, however dispensed, shall be considered an obligation to be repaid in satisfaction and provided that no election to dissolve shall be held more often than once each year. In such connection, the statute shall provide against disposal or transfer of the assets of the district except for due compensation unless such assets are transferred to another governmental agency, such as a county, embracing such district and using such transferred assets in such a way as to benefit citizens formerly within the district.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1966, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the constitutional amendment providing the method and manner for dissolution of hospital districts.

"AGAINST the constitutional amendment providing the method and manner for dissolution of hospital districts."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House on March 30, 1965: Yeas 109, Nays 28; House concurred in Senate amendments on May 29, 1965: Yeas 113, Nays 27; passed by the Senate, as amended, on May 20, 1965: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor June 17, 1965.